

Cleveland Community Police Commission

Full Commission Meeting Minutes



Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Special Meeting

Meeting Date: February 22, 2023

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Cleveland CPC Offices,
3631 Perkins Avenue, 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114

This regular meeting of the Cleveland Community Police Commission was called to order on February 22, by Chair pro tem Reaves.

Attendance Roll Call:

- Adams – present
- Benito – present
- Chura – present
- Donaldson – present
- Earley – absent
- Garrett-Ferguson – present
- Kennedy – present
- Reaves – present
- Ridgeway – present
- Rodriguez – present
- van Lier – present
- Wang – present
- Zayed – present

Public Comment

None.

Benito moved to do double minutes at the next meeting, Seconded by Adams.

- Adams – aye
- Benito – aye
- Chura – aye
- Donaldson – aye
- Earley – aye
- Garrett-Ferguson – aye
- Kennedy – aye
- Reaves – chair pro tem may not vote
- Ridgeway – aye

- Rodriguez – aye
- van Lier – aye
- Wang – aye
- Zayed – aye

Motion passed, 12-0-0.

Adams moved to nominate Commissioner Ridgeway to chair the next meeting, van Lier seconded.

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

The Commission was then given training presentations by the CDP Command Staff on the topics of the CDP's command and structure and on General Police orders. The Command Staff also took questions from Commissioners.

Public Comment

Rosie Palfy expressed concern that the City did not file the updated Critical Incident policy that the Mental Health Response Advisory Committee had agreed to with the Federal Court. She noted that they have had similar issues in the past. She recommended that the CPC and MHRAC establish a liaison.

Loh expressed concerns that when the CDP hires officers from outside districts, their Critical Incident training was not on par with Cleveland's. This has resulted in officers who were terminated by other departments failing to follow proper procedures.

Chair pro tem Reaves moved to take a recess.

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

There was a second rollcall taken; all commissioners were present.

Committee Reports

The Training Committee is meeting next Wednesday, February 27.

The Rules Committee has been working on the CPC's Operations and Procedures Manual and looking to get bylaws into place. The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about rules regarding attendance, the formation of committees, the selection of co-chairs.

van Lier moved to amend the proposed Manual to state that the co-chairs shall be elected no later than February of that calendar year except for the first year of the new Commission, and that committees can be formed when needed after the initial commissioner trainings. Benito seconded.

- Adams – abstain
- Benito – aye
- Chura – aye
- Donaldson – aye
- Earley – aye
- Garrett-Ferguson – nay
- Kennedy – aye
- Reaves – chair pro tem may not vote
- Ridgeway – aye
- Rodriguez – aye
- van Lier – aye
- Wang – aye
- Zayed – aye

Motion passed, 10-1-1.

van Lier moved to amend Manual Section 1.8.1 to say that a quorum constitutes a simple majority, as opposed to a two-thirds majority; Wang seconded.

Amendment adopted with unanimous consent.

van Lier moved to amend Manual Section 1.3.1 to include the appearance of conflict of interest to when commissioners and staff should recuse themselves; Wang seconded.

Garrett-Ferguson moved to amend 1.7.1 so that minutes will not be taken during executive sessions; van Lier seconded.

Earley moved to send the Manual back to the Rules committee; not seconded.

On the Motion to amend 1.7.1:

- Adams – aye
- Benito – aye
- Chura – nay
- Donaldson – aye
- Earley – nay
- Garrett-Ferguson – aye
- Kennedy – aye
- Reaves – nay – tie breaking vote
- Ridgeway – nay
- Rodriguez – aye
- van Lier – nay
- Wang – nay
- Zayed – nay

Motion failed, 7-6-0.

Earley moved to send the Manual back to the Rules Committee; Wang seconded. Earley then amended the motion to specify to send the Manual back to the Rules Committee with questions, Adams seconded.

- Adams – aye
- Benito – aye
- Chura – aye
- Donaldson – aye
- Earley – aye
- Garrett-Ferguson – aye
- Kennedy – aye
- Reaves – chair pro tem may not vote.
- Ridgeway – aye
- Rodriguez – aye
- van Lier – aye
- Wang – aye
- Zayed – aye

Motion passed, 12-0-0.

Kenedy moved to adjourn, multiple commissioners seconded.

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.